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## Boat operators and passengers reminded to be responsible

**KUCHING:** Boat passengers and operators have been reminded to be responsible and adhere to safety procedures.

Assistant Minister of Tourism Datuk Talib Zulpilip said passengers should not risk boarding a boat that is already full, while operators must always abide by the law.

"Sometimes boat operators take safety for granted. If a boat is full, they should not take any more passengers and passengers should know that an overloaded boat is dangerous.

"That being said, if a boat can fit only 75 passengers, there should be that number of safety jackets or floats prepared," he told reporters before presenting a talk entitled 'High Performance Management: Foundation of an Achieving Organisation' yesterday.

He pointed out that rivers are not only used for transportation but are also tourist attractions.

"It provides a different kind of travel experience for people, especially tourists. Tourists

must take similar precautions and not board overloaded boats," he said.

On the talk, Talib said he would address the main issue of transforming an organisation by starting with integrity and governance.

"Integrity, governance and work attitude are important issues. If they can be corrected, we will have better management and a better organisation.

"There is a strong correlation between good management and good organisation with national development. If all organisations carry out their duties in a proper manner, we could push the nation's economy forward," added Talib, who is also Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) chairman.

The talk was part of the three-day Excellent Organisation Management 'To Realise the Nation's Aspiration' Seminar organised by Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), which started on Tuesday.